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SUBJECT: ARCHBISHOP POGGI'S VISIT SPARKS CONTROVERSY

1. A MINOR TEMPEST DEVELOPED AROUND ARCHBISHOP POGGI'S VISIT WHEN CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI ON MARCH 16 DELIVERED REMARKS SEEMINGLY CRITICAL OF THE VISIT FOR ALLEGEDLY FOCUSING ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF THE POLISH CHURCH. THE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE SEEN THE MARCH 16 UPI DISPATCH REPORTING WYSZYNSKI'S REMARKS TO THAT EFFECT AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH IN WARSAW. WE UNDERSTAND THAT RFE HAS BROADCAST REPORTS ON THE BASIS OF THIS DISPATCH.

2. EPISCOPATE INFORMATION OFFICIALS IN CONVERSATION WITH US MARCH 17 REACTED VIGOROUSLY TO THE UPI REPORT, DEPICTING IT AS "TOO STRONG" AND DENYING ESPECIALLY THAT WYSZYNSKI'S STATEMENTS COULD BE CONSTRUED AS CRITICISM OF POGGI. THEY EMPHASIZED POGGI'S DECLARATION TO POLISH BISHOPS ON MARCH 12 THAT HE TREATS HIS PRESENT MISSION IN POLAND AS A SERVICE TO THE CHURCH AND WANTS TO FULFILL IT IN "UNITY" WITH THE POLISH PRIMATE AND BISHOP'S CONFERENCE. A ZNAK DEPUTY TO THE SEJM TOLD US MARCH 17 THAT POGGI HAD THE DAY BEFORE EMPHASIZED THIS SAME POSITION IN

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A MEETING WITH ZNAK REPRESENTATIVES.

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